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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

To-morrow will mark the return of the day which universal custom has fixed for paying the tribute of respect to the patron saint of the little isle of Ireland—St. Patrick, of whom we write in another column. As Washington is regarded the first of all Americans, and as St. Patrick will ever live in his country as the foremost man and patriot of Switzerland, so will the day of St. Patrick be ever associated with the history and traditions of the Irish people. The sons of the Emerald Isle, during the past century and more, have left the stamp of their genius upon the history of every land of advanced civilization beneath the sun. Erase from the records of our own fair America the long and glorious story of the chivalry and heroism of our sons upon our fields of battle, their matchless genius in the pulpit and the law, their moving powers of their press, the imprint of their intellect upon the legislation of our states and Nation, their worthy achievements in every station of life upon our soil—wipe all these memories from our country's history and we take therefrom those bright jewels which adorn the records of our land, and which have given it a place of honor in every sea.

To-morrow, in every city, town and hamlet of our country—in every land where there is an Irish heart to rejoice in Ireland's glories and to extend her sympathy in her wrongs, that heart will throb in reverent memory of St. Patrick's life and labors, and will quicken its beat in patriotic love for "the land where the Shamrock grows."

As was well said in Congress recently, the conference is six years more advanced than the government.

The people on that little isle seem to have a way of doing things with neatness and dispatch. The GUARDIAN feels greatly pleased at the great amount of praise it has received throughout the community on its first appearance. It is our intention to make the GUARDIAN a bright and newsy weekly Journal, and to that end we will work earnestly. Should anything of interest happen in your vicinity, and you feel disposed to lend a helping hand, write it up and send it to us, always remembering that it will be received with thanks.

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THE ISSUE OF 1896.

The masses of the people are getting tired of trifling and will demand a plain and frank expression of opinion upon the currency question in the party platforms of 1896.

The Democratic silver league of Nebraska has constructed a platform the meaning of which cannot be misunderstood. It reads as follows:

"We favor the immediate restoration of free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for aid or consent of any other nation on earth."

This was adopted in June last, and since that time Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Arkansas, South Carolina, Wyoming, Colorado, California, Montana, Utah and Idaho. Democratic state conventions have declared in favor of 16 to 1.

All the labor organizations have sent petitions to Congress asking for free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. The trans-Mississippi Congress representing all the states west of the Mississippi, has adopted the Nebraska platform and demanded its adoption by the American Congress.

The Federation of labor convention recently held declared unanimously in favor of the Nebraska plank. We predict with great confidence that the Nebraska deliverance will be the financial plank of the Democratic party.

It will probably reassert the doctrine of Jefferson and Jackson that all currency shall be issued by the General Government and that corporation currency shall be suppressed. The penile and cowardly plea that the United States cannot establish and maintain its own money standards, but must conform its action to suit the wishes of gold worshippers of other countries will receive the emphatic condemnation of the freemen of America. The falsehood has been industriously circulated that gold is now the measuring unit of all nations, when the fact is that three fourths of the human family know no money but silver. Of fourteen hundred millions of the world's population only about four hundred millions use gold as the measure of value. If as is confidently asserted, the action would bring our country to the single silver standard, as the United States has more domestic and foreign commerce than any three other nations, other governments would be compelled to recognize silver as money or lose their most valuable trade. France and the whole Latin Union would make haste to join us. All the Central and South American Republics have silver, so have China and Japan.

QUEEN LIL has been sentenced to pay a fine of five thousand dollars and "do time" for five years as the penalty for treason to the new Republic of Hawaii. She is to be imprisoned without "hard labor" and is to be kept in the government hospital. The government is to be kept in the government hospital. The government is to be kept in the government hospital.

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THE WEST AND THE SOUTH.

The San Francisco Post speaks as follows in reference to the political situation as to National financial matters:

The political union of the Western and Southern States upon the silver question, as the matter is now being discussed in the Eastern newspapers is not among the improbabilities. New York with the aid of New England and Pennsylvania has been running this country for over sixty years. If that region has not been able to select a President to meet its financial views, it has contrived always to either make a bargain with the man elected before or after his success by which its peculiar policies have been protected.

This preponderating influence in National politics is undoubtedly due to the fact that New York has between thirty and forty representatives in Congress, and has maintained the reputation of a pivotal and doubtful State.

"Wall street" fattens upon the misfortunes and mistakes of the Government, rejoices at National disasters and always stands ready to loan the people money at 1 percent a month.

But this combination of corporate and moneyed influences cannot always continue. The Western and Southern States, where a large majority of the people live who do the voting at elections, possess the power to make the financial policy of the Nation. Probably the reason why some leader has not arisen here to lead them into the path of political supremacy is found in the fact that the West and South abound in fads and schemes. But the day is certain to come when these regions will take the Nation and run it. The financial center need not change to Chicago to produce this result. It will be the natural outcome of spreading intelligence. When the people of the West and South finally discover how they are being fleeced by "Wall street" they will quickly combine under some representative man and capture Washington.

THE SENATE FREE COINAGE BILL.

By a vote of six to five the Finance Committee of the Senate agreed to report a bill for the unrestricted coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Five Democrats and one silver Senator voted for the bill and four Republicans and one Democrat against it. The measure provides that any American citizen may take silver bullion of the requisite fineness to any mint of the United States and have it coined into standard dollars containing 412 1-2 grains each, the Government to retain the difference between the New York price of the bullion on the day of deposit and its coinage value. At first glance this retention of the seigniorage looks like an unfair discrimination against silver, and, as a matter of course, it is not as satisfactory as a straight free coinage bill would be; but more careful consideration must convince everybody that if this bill should be enacted the price of silver would immediately rise to \$1.29 an ounce. In effect, therefore, if not in theory, this bill would give us free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and its enactment would be a great blessing to the people of the United States.

The banks are running the country and running it into the ground. You cannot pick up a newspaper but you will read of a meeting of bankers, here or there, to dictate to Congress; or of the president of some national bank drawing a series of resolutions to instruct members of the house or senate. Now we do not object to bankers per se. Many of them are excellent gentlemen; but when it comes to a money-lending class controlling the legislation of this republic, we protest with all the emphasis we are capable of. All our disasters are due to them coming out from behind their counters to the politics of the nation. They stick to their business of money grabbing. Democrat.

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THE SILVER DEMOCRATS.

Names of Congressmen Who Signed the Address Making Bi-Metallism the Paramount Issue.

The following are the names of the Democrats who signed the address published in the GUARDIAN last week urging all Democrats to make the money question the paramount issue and to endeavor to place the Democratic party on record in favor of the immediate restoration of free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, as it existed prior to 1873, without waiting for the aid or consent of any nation, such coin to be a full legal tender for all debts public and private.

R. P. Bland Missouri; W. J. Bryan Nebraska; H. A. Coffey, Wyoming; George W. Fithian Illinois; J. T. Cockrell, Texas; John L. McLaurin South Carolina; James G. Maguire California; George Ikert, Ohio; Justin R. Whiting, Michigan; H. C. Snodgrass, Tennessee; George F. Richardson, Michigan; M. A. Smith Arizona; A. W. Ogden, Louisiana; J. C. Capheart, West Virginia; W. L. Moor, Kansas; H. D. Money Mississippi; W. R. Ryan, Missouri; B. E. Grady, North Carolina; Chas. H. Morgad, Missouri; G. W. Shell South Carolina; Edward Lane, Illinois; D. D. Donovan, Ohio; A. C. Latimer, South Carolina; Marshal Arnold, Missouri; W. H. Denson, Alabama; W. J. Talbert, South Carolina; John S. Williams, Mississippi; T. J. Strait, South Carolina; A. I. Caminetti, California; W. H. Bower, North Carolina; Antonio Joseph, New Mexico; Evan P. Howell, Atlanta Constitution; J. Floyd King, ex-member congress, Louisiana.

They represent sixteen states and two territories. The paper was taken to the senate just before the close of the session, but it was impossible to have any conference with the senators or to see any considerable number of them. As it was not possible to make a thorough canvass among them, it was decided to leave them out entirely, so that no misunderstanding might exist between those willing to sign and those who had no opportunity to do so.

Mr. Bryon said in regard to the address that it had been issued in order to call attention of the rank and file to the importance of executive work in favor of bi-metallism.

The Carlisle Mines.

Last week the Enterprise had a very interesting and important article describing what is practically the new camp of Carlisle. Since the Carlisle company abandoned the camp the Liberal, as well as all the other county papers, have published many articles telling of the strikes that have been made in the camp, but no article has given as extensive a description of them as this one. It seems that since the Carlisle company left the camp, thinking that nothing was left there, that more valuable discoveries have been made than were ever before known in the camp. Investors and mining engineers have fought shy of the camp on the record made by the Carlisle company. Last fall Mr. A. P. Loberg, a mining engineer of experience, went in there, and after working for a time found it a most promising camp. He induced his friend, H. W. Child, to come and inspect the camp. Mr. Child promised to do so, and while on his way there stopped over in San Francisco where the camp received such a black eye from the mining men who are supposed to be acquainted with this country, that Mr. Child would not have made the trip only he had pledged his word to do so. After Mr. Child had been in the camp a short time, made a few assays and secured bonds on some properties, he was very glad he came. He sent samples of ore to Mr. E. B. Braden of the government assay office at Helena, Montana. After Mr. Braden had assayed the samples he took the first train for Carlisle and wanted an interest in the contracts that Messrs. Loberg & Child had secured. They told him he could have an interest providing he would build a narrow gauge railroad from the mines to either Duncan or Lordsburg, which he immediately promised to do. Messrs. Braden and Child were in the city Saturday, en route to San Francisco, to make arrangements for the building of the road. They are both experienced mining engineers and inform the Liberal that the article in the Enterprise is not overdrawn in the least. They say that in their experience in mining they have never seen such prospects as are exhibited in Carlisle, that there is nothing in Montana that can compare with them, and they figure it will be but a short time before they make comfortable fortunes.—Lordsburg Liberal.

The failure of the Statehood bill to pass the Senate and a like failure of favorable currency legislation is cause for regret, but Arizona keeps moving forward just the same. Her agricultural and mining resources keep developing every hour of time.

The city of Chicago is now in the throes of a municipal campaign.

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